A few Reminders...

When you hear of an incident:

Do not go outside or drive to another location unless instructed to do so by the authorities.

If you have children in school, the school will have a plan.

The school will shelter student until it is safe to release them.



DO NOT smoke or use candles as a source of light. Since the room has no ventilation, you will create a dangerous carbon monoxide condition that may be fatal!









Cut trash bags to seal any openings such as vents and windows (for exterior rooms). Be sure the furnace is turned off. Tape completely around the opening. In interior bathrooms you may have to seal the pipe openings under the sink and around the toilet. This is more critical if your home has a crawl space below the room you are using as a shelter.



Tape the door to the doorframe and to the floor to create a secure seal all around.

Also tape any holes in the doorknob such as keyholes, Duct tape is best, however you may use any available tape in an emergency! You may also use wet towels to seal openings under doors.



For more information contact: Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency 404-730-5600

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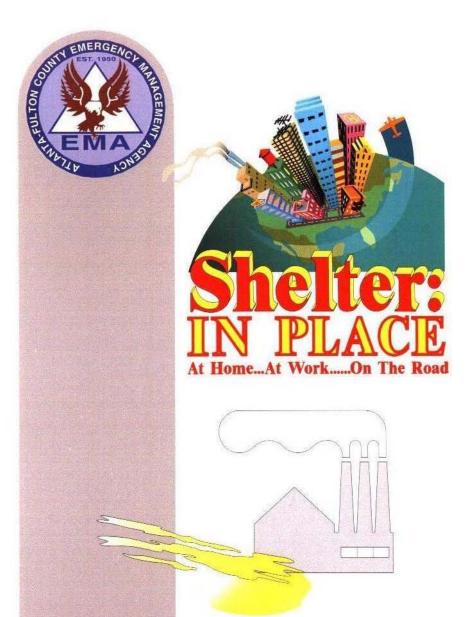
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Airborne Hazards

Where to Shelter:

At Home:



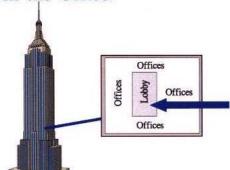
Interior above ground room

Interior above ground preferrably without doors or opening windows

How to Shelter:

- Close and lock all doors and windows
- Turn off air conditioners
- Gather food, water, radio, flashlight & batteries, cordless phone
- Gather supplies, place in interior room
- Enter room; Seal door and vents with tape
- Wait for instructions from public safety agencies as broadcasted by radio or TV news.

In the Office:



Interior above ground room

preferrably without doors or opening windows

- Evacuate staff, students and/or guests to safe interior locations
- Turn off air conditioners and close any exterior windows
- Gather food, water, radio, flashlight & batteries, cordless phone
- Gather supplies, place in interior room
- Seal door and vents with tape and plastic trash bags
- Wait for instructions from public safety agencies as broadcasted by radio or TV news

Do not release staff, students and/or guests until the area is declared safe by emergency authorities.

On the Road:



Seek Shelter Immediately

If you are directly exposed, seek medical attention immediately.

If you are not directly exposed seek shelter in a building (see above)

- Close windows and set air vent to recirculate
- Drive cautiously to a public building and seek shelter

If you are able to drive to an unaffected area, do so immediately.

In Public Places:



Seek Shelter Immediately in a Building

- Seek a safe shelter location in a building (see above)
- If exposed seek shelter and call for medical help (911 or your local emergency #)

Always follow instructions given by official emergency authorities, such as the fire department or emergency management agency,